

**AS TO THIRD TERMS.**  
**Statements Pointedly Express Their Views on the Question.**

Among the Pacific Coast Congressmen who responded to the Washington Post's request for expressions of their views on the question of a third Presidential term and the advisability of Congress adopting Springer's anti-third-term resolution, which was passed by Congress in 1875, are Johnson and Bowers of California, Hermann and Ellis of Oregon and Doolittle of Washington. The letters of Johnson, Bowers, Hermann and Doolittle are published as follows:

SACRAMENTO, CAL. — I would vote for a resolution if one were introduced, although I think it is not the business of the House to pass such resolutions. Springer's resolution was mere buncombe, intended to hurt Grant, and similar resolutions would be mere buncombe, intended to hurt Cleveland, promoted in both cases by partisan rancor. I feel certain that we will never see a third term President.

GROVE L. JOHNSON.

SAN DIEGO, CAL. — I would vote for the resolution, but I would rather vote for a resolution denouncing a second term. The making of a President ineligible for re-election in any case would be the longest step on the road to good government that this nation could make. Then the President would have time to attend to business for which he is elected, instead of, as now, spending all his waking hours in devising ways and means to obtain re-election, making mere valets of all officers appointed by him, whose paramount duty is to pack conventions in his interest. It is a pity the incumbent cannot be renominated. It would effectually settle the "third-term" question, for after election one could carry out on a ship all the remnants left of the third-term candidate and his party.

W. W. BOWERS.

ROSEBURG, OR. — If a resolution similar to the one quoted should be introduced in the approaching session of Congress, I shall feel it my duty to vote against it. It has become a well-recognized part of our republican system of government, confirmed by many illustrious precedents, that the holding of Presidential office should not exceed two terms. The reason for this unwritten law is obvious, and it is difficult at this time to conceive of any circumstances or of any emergencies which could justify a departure from the long and well-established custom.

BINGER HERMANN.

TACOMA, WASH. — Should the tenure of the Presidential office of one man be extended over more than two terms, especially in case an exceptionally qualified man was thus continued in office, the tendency would be toward continued reliance on the part of the people in the man and his qualifications, in contradiction of the spirit of republicanism in its broad sense. I believe we may make it as a settled policy, which has grown out of the wisdom of the people, that no man shall hold the Presidential office more than two terms.

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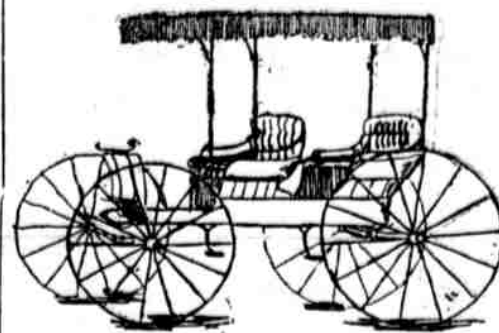
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